

II. Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph after the title on page 1 of specification:

-- CROSS REFERENCE

This application is a United States national phase application of international patent application number PCT/JP2004/005385, filed April 15, 2004, which claims priority to Japanese patent application number 2003-109838, filed April 15, 2003, which priority is claimed. --

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 30, Line 31, of the English translation of the specification, as follows:

FIG. 10 (a) shows a multiple container storage section 100 used in the large capacity dispensing device 124 according to the present embodiment. The multiple container storage section 100 comprises bottles 101 as the multiple containers (in this case seven) which hold or are capable of holding various reagents, and a box 102 which stores the bottles 101 in a row. A barcode 103 as an identifier displaying information relating to the multiple container storage section 100, for example the expiration date, the type of reagent, the type of specimen, the identification number, and the person in charge, is affixed to the side face of the ~~bottle 102 in the box~~ bottle 101 in the box 102.